and Rajamundary), Bihar (Bhagalpur), Kerala (Thiruvananthapuram), Orissa (Sambalpur), Punjab (Ludhiana), Rajasthan (Jaipur), Sikkim (Gangtok), Tamil Nadu (Trichy and Vellore), Tripura (Agartala), Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow), West Bengal (Purulia) and Delhi. Where separate jails are not available for women prisoners, separate enclosures are provided for them.

Special forces in States

*316. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the Chief Ministers' Conference on Security, the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has suggested and urged the Centre to set up special forces in the States to ensure quick response in tackling situations like hijacking, kidnappings and attacks on religious places;

(b) if so, whether many of the State Governments have also agreed to this proposal;

(c) if so, the number of such States;

(d) whether Government are considering to set up such forces in all the States; and

(e) if so, by what time a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) During the Chief Ministers' Conference held on 08.2.2003, it was agreed that the States will strengthen local capabilities and set up Special Task Forces with the trained personnel and state of the art weaponry to effectively tackle the incidents of terrorism.

Time limit for submitting proposals under 'Swajaldhara' scheme

*317. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received complaints from

the State Governments that the five days given to States for submitting proposals under the "Swajaldhara" scheme was not sufficient;

(b) if so, whether Government have extended the time limit in this regard;

(c) whether the work on 'Swajaldhara' has commenced; and

(d) by when this scheme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (d) Date line 10th December, 2002 for receiving the Swajaldhara proposals mentioned in this Ministry letter addressed to all State Governments, was kept for enabling the Ministry to process the proposals for ensuring that necessary sanctions are issued well in advance at least in some cases, for the executing agencies to take up actual works in their respective areas on the 25th December, 2002. Hon'ble Prime Minister launched Swajaldhara Programme for the entire country on 25th December, 2002. Further, in this Ministry's letter dated 9th December, 2002 addressed to all Ministers and all Members of Parliament, it was clarified that Swajaldhara proposals received after 10th December, 2002 would also be processed as and when received from the State Government.

As on 6th March, 2003, 17513 Swajaldhara Proposals have been received. On scrutiny, the National Scheme Sanctioning Committee of Government of India has so far approved 3841 proposals. Swajaldhara is an ongoing programme.

Vision-2020 for facilities in Rural Areas

†*318. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) programmes formulated in Vision-2020 to provide urban facilities in rural areas during the coming three years;

(b) the main features of the programme; and

(c) the details of the cooperation of State Governments for the success of the programme?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.